Welcome to our monthly Parent Newsletter.
Our aim is to keep parents informed of upcoming events and important dates to remember.

27th October, 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the start of Term 4
This term commenced with our new Administration building located in Market Rd in full operation. This was a remarkable achievement after a very busy end to term 3 where we not only conducted the usual parent/student/teacher interviews but also managed to move all staff and classrooms out of the former A wing/administration into the new centre and various other buildings including the new Yr 8/9 Centre. An amazing effort by all due to the careful co-ordination by Mrs Gagatsis and Mr Clark.

Examinations
The Yr 12 final assembly and the Valedictory dinner are both significant events to farewell our students and formally wish them well for both their studies and their future ahead. This marks an important milestone after some 13 years of formal education.

These key events also signify the preparation for examinations for all students as coursework is completed and examinations commence. Please check the calendar on the college website to confirm the significant dates for the examination period, the tutor/re-enrolment interview and the step-up classes. All students are expected to remain at school until the last day of their step up as per calendar.

Re-enrolment interviews with the Tutor
The interviews are compulsory interviews as goals are set in conjunction with the reports. It is expected that ALL families will attend these interviews to confirm their enrolment for 2015.

Pupil Free Day
Please note that Monday 3rd November will be a Pupil Free Day and the College will be working on the new Strategic Plan and AUSvels documentation.

Uniform
This term marks the last period of change over for the new school uniform. As of Day 1 for 2015 the only acceptable outer garment besides the jumper/vest is the school blazer. The waterproof jacket and or the sports jacket are NOT acceptable as the outer layers to be worn with the uniform.

Art Show Exhibition
Once again we have had the opportunity of viewing some of the work of our students across 7-12 and also listening to some of our wonderful music students’ performances. The team of staff led by Ms Lomagno and Ms Butcher are to be commended for their fine efforts.

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**Student drop off and pick up areas**

We are currently investigating a new traffic management plan to assist with the drop off and pick up of students at the College. Due to the increased traffic outside the College, near the road alongside the basketball courts, we would like to please ask all parents to not drop off students near the u bend but continue to the end of the road near the new administration building. This will assist in preventing congestion for the buses.

**Not Returning To Wyndham Central College In 2015?**

Could parents of 2014 Year 7 to Year 11 students who will NOT be attending Wyndham Central College in 2015, please notify the school as soon as possible. This information will help the school in planning for 2015.

Thank you to all of our parents and community members for their contribution to upholding our high expectations for all our students.

Kind regards
Julie Myers

*Creating a Community of High Expectations*

**YEAR 7 REPORT**

2015 Planning

If any parents are planning on sending their child to a different educational setting can they please let Mr Robinson know ASAP. Students have had the opportunity to give feedback to Mr Robinson regarding their tutor group for 2015 and the classes are now being allocated. If parents would like any input then please contact the school.

**Year 7 Cricket**

A great effort by the 7 boys who participated in the Wyndham region cricket day. Despite being undermanned they managed to win one game and go very close to taking out the whole competition. More details in the sport report.

**Tutor time**

Over the next 6 weeks in Tutor time, students will be exploring the overarching essential question - How does Ethical Behaviour affect a student’s life at WCC? Please have a chat to them and see what they have learnt.

**Gold Merit Badges**

At the recent whole school assembly three Year 7 students were awarded Gold Merit Badges – an outstanding achievement. Congratulations to Fatemah, Harpreet and Navya. At our recent year level assembly another 2 silver and 3 bronze badges were awarded. Congratulations to Liam and Victoria (silver) and Jack A, Rose and Anika (bronze). So far this year there have been a total of 19 Bronze, 7 Silver and 3 Gold awarded to Year 7 students. Please check in with your child to see how they are faring with the school merit system – it is in the early pages of their planner.

**Attendance**

Please contact the school or your child’s Tutor teacher if your son/daughter has been absent or are planning on being away. There are currently a large number of unapproved student absences at the school and Tutor teachers will be making contact if this affects you. A reminder of Tutor teachers and their email addresses:

- 7A – Angelica Gogos, gogos.angelica.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
- 7B – Michael Germano, germano.michael.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
- 7C – Patrick Agius, agius.pattick.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
- 7D – Sue Butcher, butcher.susanne.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
- 7E – Anne Vlahos, vlahos.anne.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Tom Robinson
Year 7 Year Level Leader
YEAR 8 REPORT
The new building:
We all learn better.
The environment is cleaner.
We feel settled and ready to learn.
We have better resources.
We feel organized being all in one area.
Soon we are going to start using the Compass system.
Some students got picked by teachers to get interviewed by someone from Victoria University based on
AVID and the new buildings we are getting.
We all have lockers which makes it easy for us to leave our bags.
We get extra homework in some subjects to get us ready for VCE.
We get a lot of opportunities such as going on trips eg Science Workshop.
Elenoa Lauihingoa 8C

YEAR 9 REPORT
Two weeks ago the Year 8s and 9s moved into the newly built Year 8/9 building. All of us are really
enjoying our new space. It is really convenient, most of our classes are on our home room.

A Week ago the Year 9s got their brand new lockers. Some people are finding it really hard to use their
locks, it just takes some practice. It is great to have all of our equipment handy.

The only troubles we are facing is the attendance of some students. The Principals, teachers and SRC
members urge all students to arrive at school on time and go to all of their classes, otherwise they may
fail because of their attendance being under 90%. It is difficult for teachers to teach with students being
absent.

As SRC Members we are happy to discuss any student/parent concerns at any point.

Janaya Ingls 9D
Bradley Pilbeam 9A

SENIOR YEARS REPORT
As all senior students are approaching their final exams for the year, below are some basic tips for
exam preparation.

- Create a timetable for your study.
- Prepare and revise.
- Complete past exam papers.
- Be organised.
- Ask your teachers for help if needed.
- Cramming for an exam doesn’t work, so once again, be prepared.

Year 12 students
We recently farewelled all of our Year 12 students on a full school assembly and all Year 12 students
demonstrated exemplary behaviour leading up to their Celebration day. The Year 12 Valedictory dinner
was a real success, acknowledging all of the student’s hard work throughout the year.
I would like to thank Mrs Sandlant and the Year 12 team for all their efforts that enabled the night to be
such a success.
Year 12 students are now on the homeward stretch and hasn’t the year flown! Exams are just around
the corner for most Year 12 students and please reflect on all the advice and preparation given to you
by your teachers. I wish all students the very best of luck with their exams so believe in yourself and
give it your best shot and all your hard work will pay off.
Good luck to all Year 12 VCE and VCAL students for your future education and training and if there is anything that the College can do to assist you then please don’t hesitate to ask.

**Year 11 students**
Year 11 exams begin on the 30th October and this is great preparation for the Year 12 externally set exams that they will face next year.
I have spoken to all Year 11 students about the possibility of applying for our prestigious School Captain positions for 2015 and becoming part of the Student Leadership team. Applications close on Monday 27th October and need to be submitted to Mr Woollard.

**Year 10 students**
Year 10 exams are just around the corner starting on the 5th November so please get stuck into your revision work so that you are fully prepared. I hope that students strive to do their best as they progress towards the commencement of their VCE or VCAL certificate.
Year 10 students have been busy completing their Community projects which have included a whole range of activities such as sporting competitions, foods stalls, barbeques, music performances, multicultural presentations and also a wellbeing presentation. I am pleased with the hard work and organisation that out Year 10 students have demonstrated.

Bryan Woollard  
Senior Years Assistant Principal/Yr 10 Year Level Leader

**YEAR 10 WORK PLACEMENT**
All Year 10 students have now completed their final round of work placement with great feedback received from employees. The students’ choice of work ranged from areas such as physiotherapy, primary and secondary schools, chemists, veterinary clinics, restaurants, retail, automotive, electrical and bricklaying.

A special thank you goes to the Year 10 team Mr Woollard, Ms Milkovic, Ms Cole, Ms Myers and Mrs Siragusano. I would also like to thank the local businesses, industries and dedicated teaching staff of our College who have supported our students with their work experience placements. Feedback from employees and teachers regarding our student participation has made us feel proud of our students.

I have seen first-hand how our students have applied themselves to various challenges in the workplace. They have demonstrated enthusiasm and perseverance when interacting with members of the community as part of their work placement experience.

Steve Eadie  
Work Experience Placement Coordinator

**YEAR 11 REPORT**
As the end of year approaches the Year 11 cohort are busy completing their work for each subject. VCAL, VET and VCE students need to ensure they meet the demands of their course and have the important discussions with their teachers about not only passing but doing their very best. In particular the VCE students have end of year examinations looming and should be well under way with their revision. Parents and carers should notice a significant increase in home-study at this important time of year and it’s important that you discuss the importance of preparing for exams with your children.

The Year 11 cohort took part in a motivation seminar called “Born to Succeed” in Week 2, where students were explicitly taught how to manage their time, improve their study habits and set goals that will enable them to be successful not only in their studies this year but in the future too. Feedback from students was very positive with them indicating they found the seminar informative and valuable.

We have the ‘Fit to Drive’ workshop coming up on the 11th November which runs for session 1-4 requiring some students to attend school in their study sessions. This workshop is delivered by road safety experts and aims to empower our young people to make good decisions about driving and staying safe. Please support this program by ensuring your child attends this workshop, many of our
young people will be going for the P’s over the next 12-18 months and the workshop will help keep them safe.

Danny Pearce
Yr 11 Year Level Leader

YEAR 12 REPORT

Year 12 Assembly
On Monday 13th of October the Year 12 students were farewelled in their last assembly for the year. They were presented with commemorative badges to mark the event. It was a great opportunity for the younger students at the school to aspire to achieve what these students have completed.

Year 12 BBQ Breakfast
Year 12 students had the opportunity to come in and celebrate the end of the year at a breakfast. Most students came in dress up and the costumes were very exciting to see. I congratulate all students on their behaviour during this time. They have set a great example for the younger students.

Valedictory
The Valedictory Dinner was held on Friday 17th of October at Ultima Reception Centre. It was great to see so many of our students celebrating the end of the year. I would like to thank the student leadership team for all their work in the valedictory preparations. I would like to congratulate our school captains on their amazing speech on the night. I would also like to thank all the Year 12 tutor teachers, Mrs Bumpstead, Mrs Whitfield and Ms Porrino for all their hard work. Congratulations to all award winners.

SWOT VAC
Year 12 students are participating in SWOT VAC this week. Teachers will be available in their normal classrooms for assistance.

VCE Exams
Students have been issued with an Exam Navigator which has all the information on rules for examinations and an individual timetable of their own schedule of exams. Please encourage students to arrive early to the exams. The English exam will be held in the Gym and all other exams will be held in the Student Resource Centre. Please check times carefully as exams can be scheduled at any time of the day.

If you have any questions on the above please feel free to contact me at the school on 9741 4911.

Rebecca Sandlant
Yr 12 Year Level Leader

AVID IN YEAR 8 ENGLISH.

Year 8 students used AVID writing strategies to produce a report after listening to a group of students visiting from Estancia High School.

Topic: Estancia High School students.

Essential question: What did we learn from the American students?

On the 6th August 2014, students from Estancia High School in America came to our school “Wyndham Central College”, to talk about their school Estancia and their lifestyle. At Estancia High School, they strive to get the best education they can. They want to have good grades to have an appealing college application. The teachers care about the students time at school. In America, not everything is the same as Australia. The students of Estancia have supportive families to help with further education.
Students from Estancia High School strive to get the best possible education. The students wake up early to get more study time and prepare themselves for the day classes. The school starts at 7:00am and finishes at 1:35, unless you're a year 12 with a free session, they usually finish at 11:35am. The students from Estancia are well organised to get a better education.

Bailey Pettitt

The American high school students like raising money for those in need. They organise events just for fundraising. They also have a “best buddies” club for those students that have a rare sickness. The students play sports, have little gaming activities and just have fun.

Over the years Estancia’s population has been growing as a city. To find a job you need to be 16 and an American citizen. Most of the Estancia high school students have jobs but it does take away their weekends. They work and study at the same time and for some of them it would be difficult. Estancia high school has more students than they did since 2002. They are very proud to be Estancia's high school students and they're proud of what improvements they have made. 140 countries come and experience the life of Estancia.

Liz Vakaloloma

Estancia Senior High offers a good education to all those who are either disabled or not. It is big enough to fit thousands of students from all around the world and challenges them with lots of work and homework.

Have you ever felt sorry for those who don’t get the same knowledge because of their disabilities? Well, Estancia has. That is why they choose to help them. Estancia helps give disabled people the same knowledge as those who don’t have disabilities. Estancia has a ‘Best Buddies Club’. The Americans showed a video of the club. As usual there was a host (with disabilities though) talking to other students. It just shows how much their school cares about EVERYONE.

Shontelle Matika

The school system over in America is very impressive since they get 5 days of sports training and around 4 to 6 hours a day. They also have a different sport every season. They start training around 1:30pm to 5 or 6pm. Being active and training all the time, they're not always on social network which is something we Australians should do.

Hei Ler Shel Kyaw Gay

At Estancia there are things every student is a part of. Firstly, clubs. Every student would belong to a club, done mainly at school. Estancia has over 50 clubs! Anyone can make or join a club. Secondly, sport. You would find most students also play a sport. Sports are played outside of school 5-6 days a week. Training goes from when you get there after school to whenever your coach allows you to leave, usually around six. If you want to be on the varsity team you have to have good grades, at least a two point average.

Year 8 student

The students from Estancia High School gave a presentation to the AVID students of Wyndham Central College on the 6th of August. They told us about their school and the things that they do there. I learnt many things I did not know about the American school system. Sport is a huge deal for them. There are over 50 clubs you can join. They hold three dances a year. Not many of the students have jobs. You need to have high grades to participate in sports teams. Even though sport is a huge deal, education is still the main focus.

Elise Thomson.

There is no uniform required at Estancia. Students are free to wear what they please as long as their outfit does not break the dress code. This makes it easier for the students to express themselves and show people who they really are by wearing clothes that show their personality. Students can be unique and won't match every other student’s uniform.

Sydney Meyers
In Estancia, there are about 1200 students and in each class there would be around 30+ students and one teacher. Estancia students live next to Disney World (about a 20 minute drive). Estancia students are focused on education. They are all smart and they work really hard. The languages Estancia provides are Spanish and French. Most students already know Spanish.

Hozannah Johnny.

The American students start school at 7am to 5pm or 6pm. It depends on what they have selected and do. They have to get up early and they go to school to get well educated and work hard for their future career. American students do four hours of homework every night and they want to get high standard grades.

Marry Day

Estancia High School has a very different schooling system compared to us. Education is more important than sports at Estancia. Unless your g.p.a. is at least 2.0 you cannot join a sport team. The students take their studies just as seriously as their sport.

The Australian trip was important and to get here they had to work extremely hard. They had to start preparing early. The students who presented to us held many stalls and fundraisers to help cover the expenses of flying to Australia.

Justyce Lewis.

Estancia is a school in California (USA). It is a school of 9-12 graders. The school has a total of 1,200 students and they start as freshmen which is 9th grade. Estancia has stadiums, courts and running athletics tracks. Estancia students get a fair amount of homework and it is very important to them. The school system and timetable is very different to ours in Australia.

Ali Hakimi

Students from America visited us to talk about what their school is like over there and also about AVID. They came from Estancia High School in California. Their school works very differently from our school. When they’re at school for a longer time than us, the students there might get a better education than us.

Nearly all of the schools over in America get the summer off (that’s 3 months). Overall we get more holidays than them. We get 2 weeks off nearly every 3-4 months. We also get about 1 month off for Christmas. I like the way our system is rather than a long 3 months off school. They might forget about a lot of what they have learnt, and it may feel weird for them to go back since it has been a long break.

Shantelle Sharland

The Estancia American students taught me about what it is like going to school in America. If you were a student at this school, you would be doing a lot of fundraising for proms, school dances and camps in the community. This school influences students to treat disabled people equally and gives them a chance to make friends with the students with no disability, as well as to have a sports competition like the non-disabled students at Estancia.

Isabella Deans-Kumar

Yesterday we had students from America visit and tell us about life and education in America. The sports teams and schools have a competition called battle of the bell. Estancia has not lost. Estancia is a very multicultural school. Estancia students have many different cultures/backgrounds. Although the majority of students are Hispanic, there is still a good mix of students. Estancia has the world cultures club. This club is for students that have backgrounds that are different to other peoples, or it could just be a club for everyone.

Alex Latour
AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Results are now available for the 37th annual Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank. Hundreds of thousands of students in primary and secondary schools from around 40 countries sat the AMC on 7 August.

AMC is a truly international competition, having become the major school mathematics enrichment event and benchmark for mathematical ability throughout the Pacific and South East Asia. It tests everything from basic numeracy skills through to advanced problem solving.

This year, 26 of our students (see names below) were successful and awarded with certificates: 10 Proficiency, 15 Credits and 1 Distinction. The certificates will be given to students during their year level assembly this month.

**Distinction:**
Matthew Strutton

**Credit:**
Keelian Franklin
Harpreet Kaur
Roberto Lay
Freddy Lin
Zhixun Sun
Mohammad Syed
Keely-Shayla Teariki
Hei Ler Shel Kyaw Gay
Hayley McAuliffe
Sydney Meyers
Ryan Van Asten
Jeremy McNair
Edward Murphy
Bailey Rossiter
Jarrod Van Berkel

**Proficiency:**
Bobby Dundovic
Elizabeth Vakaloloma
Zahra Aamiry
Cinnia Georgakopoulos
Mariam Melhem
Dion Mulrooney
Krushnadevsinh Ravalji
Madalyn Smith
Michael Martin-Liptak
Lwe Gay Paw Toe Ken

The AMC is conducted by the not-for-profit based Australian Mathematics Trust under the trusteeship of the University of Canberra.

L.Lee
KLA-Maths Leader

60 Christmas Hampers to be won

A Christmas raffle will be run by the school in early December to distribute these generously donated Hampers to lucky Wyndham Central College families. No cost to families - it will be a random draw.

Good luck to everyone.
Sandy Pine
AVID: ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION

AVID’s mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for university readiness and success in a global society.

As we reported in the last newsletter at Wyndham Central College Year 7 and 8 students participated in the Commit to Student Success week from 8th - 12th September.

The Commit to Student Success week included a daily student activity that required students to think about being successful now and in the future. It was very successful with student participating well and having great ideas about how they can achieve success. Some excerpts of the wonderful things students wrote include:

“To be successful it is not only the destination but the journey, it’s what you did to overcome the difficulties stopping you from getting to where to want to be.” Kiana Year 7

“Success is to strive and thrive for your goals and accomplish them.” Shontelle Year 8

“Success is achieving what you really want to do or being proud of what you did.” Leo Year 7

“Thanks mum for helping me to be successful in life and helping me to try hard in school and get a good education.” Ella Year 7

Parents can support their child’s aspirations for the future by having conversations with their children about how they can be successful. Parents can also help by encouraging their child to always work hard to do their best and supporting them to be organised and prepared for school.

Also as part of the Commit to Success week on Monday 15th September, all Year 7 students will participate in the Deakin University Program Year 7 Building Blocks Program. This engaged the Year 7 students in some critical thinking around what they’re doing now and how this relates to the broader context of their lives. On the same day, all Year 8 students participated in the Deakin University Academic Enrichment Experience. The workshop provided students with a taste of university by participating in a discipline-based workshop.

Connie Faranda
AVID Leader
WYNDHAM CENTRAL COLLEGE ART SHOW 2014
YEAR 12 MUSIC STUDENTS PERFORMANCE EXAM

Year 12 students have been busily preparing for the performance music exam. Skye Moore, our solo flute student performed to 3 VCE assessors at Ivanhoe on Saturday and our Group Performance students played at Footscray City College in front of 6 assessors. All students were very well prepared and a big thank you to our VCE instrumental team Karen Morris Mark Gusman and Mario Agius in for their dedication and commitment towards preparing the Year 12’s for their practical exam. Music Performance at Year 12 is a difficult but very rewarding subject for the students who select it. Hours of practice goes into learning an instrument and many have had instrumental lessons at Wyndham College since Year 7. We all wish our Music students the best of luck for the final Aural and Written exam coming up in November.  
Sue Butcher  
Director of Music

TEAM SPORTS REPORTS

Year 7 Boys Cricket:  
The boys team played 3 games last week and performed very well, being unlucky to miss out on making the next stage; although final results may not suggest it. They lost their first game by 5 runs, but went on to win their second game by 5 runs. At the end of 2 rounds, WCC had the highest net run rate, so went into the last game against the undefeated Lutheran team. Unfortunately, the batting performance was the worst of the day only recording a score of 18 in 8 overs and despite bowling very well and getting a few wickets, their score was overtaken in the 2nd last over. Sani was the player of the day with some excellent batting including scores of 17 not out and 22. Tom secured the play of the day with a brilliant, diving one handed catch. Well done to the team, considering they only had 7 players they performed extremely well and their behaviour and sportsmanship was outstanding. A big thanks to Jarrod Van Berkel and Jeremy McNair for helping out, umpiring and scoring.  
The Team – Shaunsee Threlfall (Co-captain), Sani Brown (Co-captain), Tom Gaston, Kaan Eren, Hitikele Siale, Bradley Wade, Tane McKeown.  
Mr Robinson

On Friday the 17th of October Jessee Pattison and Chris Gomez represented Wyndham Central College at the State Athletics Carnival at Lakeside Stadium. Chris was quick off the blocks in the 200m race and came 5th in the state with a time of 24.35, whilst Jessee beat his personal best in his second attempt to leap 12.04m in the triple jump. Well done to these boys, a great effort on competing against some of the best young talent in the state.  
Ms Gogos

Yours in Sport  
Rebecca Sandlant  
Team Sports Co-ordinator
**BIOLOGY FIELDWORK EXCURSION**

*Unit 2 Biology: Organisms and Their Environment*

On Wednesday 8th October the Year 11 Biology class headed out of the classroom and into the ‘field’ to experience first-hand some of the variety of ecosystems in Victoria. The first stop was **Ecolinc** at Bacchus Marsh, where students were able to explore a wetland ecosystem. Students were introduced to the biotic and abiotic factors that interact within this ecosystem. Macro-invertebrates were collected and examined under the microscopes, and feeding relationships were determined using keys and food webs were constructed.

Next stop, a grassy/woodland ecosystem near Little River; **Mt Rothwell Biodiversity Interpretation Centre**. The Biology students can count themselves amongst the very small percentage of humans that have seen some of our most endangered marsupials.

The staff and volunteers at Mt Rothwell have converted this 450ha property back to how it was pre-European settlement.

Due to efforts including secure fencing and protection from predators, the property now has some of the last remaining threatened species populations on the mainland of Australia, including the mainland Eastern Barred Bandicoot, Red Bellied Pademelon and Eastern Quoll.

The Biology students learned about the importance of restoring habitat, to ensure threatened species populations can be protected from extinction.

A Great day was had by all but it’s not all fun!! Back at school the students are currently working on their ‘Fieldwork Report’ which is their final SAC before the exam Mrs Cutter (VCE Biology Teacher).
EXAM PERIOD
During the Year 10, 11 and 12 exam period there will be no announcements made over the Public Announcement System. If you require your child to leave early it is important that you send a note with them in the morning so they can organise an early leavers pass. If you need to pick them up during the day and were not aware of it in the morning it will take us time to have your child bought to the office and we would appreciate your patience. Some of the exams go past 3.00 pm and therefore we are unable to make announcements at the end of the day. The exams are from 29th October until 21st November.

YEAR 12 ENGLISH EXAM
The year 12 English exam will be held on 29th October between 9am- 12.15pm. Students are advised to have breakfast before they come to school as the exam is 3 hours and 15mins without a break. Students should arrive at school about half an hour before the exam to give them a chance to chat with their friends or teachers to help with any anxiety they may be feeling. Students will be provided with an English dictionary as they go into the exam. We wish our students well as they commence their Year 12 exam period.
Lynda Wilson
English Learning Area Leader

BOOKLIST PACK COLLECTION 2015
Booklist packs will be available for years 7-VCE from Hedleys Book Centre 45 Railway Ave Werribee. From Monday the 19th January between 9.30 and 4.30. Students may purchase their English novels from the 1st of December 2014.

MATHEMATICS HOME WORK CLUB
I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all students who attended after school Maths Home Work Club. Their ongoing commitment, participation, discipline and dedication is highly appreciated and it gives me great pleasure to see the students benefiting from it. Personally, I would like to thank all teachers who took part in the program and we are all looking forward to the 2015 school year.
Thank you
Andrew Wokulski
Home Work Club Coordinator

SCIENCE HOME WORK CLUB
The Science Homework Club for Years 7-10 will run every Wednesday from 3:00-4:00 in the Science Centre. Michael Germano Science Learning Area Leader

ENGLISH
After school classes are held each Wednesday afternoon 3-4pm for students in years 7-12.
Lynda Wilson
English Learning Area Leader

CAREERS NEWS
This is the last edition of Careers Newsletter for 2014 - It is mainly directed at Year 12 students. Good luck as you progress to higher levels at school, or for Year 12’s, on to University, TAFE, a Gap Year, an Apprenticeship or Traineeship, or to Employment. Remember that you are likely to have
several careers throughout your working life so be prepared to gain further education throughout your lifetime.

YEAR 12 - CHANGE OF PREFERENCE PERIOD:
After you obtain your results on Monday 15 December, there is a period when you can change your VTAC preferences. You may have changed your mind, or done better (or not as well) as expected. It is a good idea to review your preferences at this stage, up until 12 noon on Monday 22 December. Universities and other providers offer assistance to Year 12’s at this time.

What help is on offer?
- **Australian Catholic University – COP Expo**: 12noon-6pm, Thursday 6 January, 115 Victoria Pde, Fitzroy
  - Hotline: 1300 275 228.
- **Box Hill Institute – Hotline**: 1300 BOX HILL or Andrea on 9286 9553
- **Charles Sturt University** – Call 1800 334 733
- **Chisholm** - Call 1300 244 746
- **Deakin University – Information evenings**: Both 5-7pm, Tuesday 16 December, Melbourne (Burwood) Campus; Wednesday 17 December, Geelong Waterfront Campus, 1 Gheringhap Street.
  - **Livechat** (get your questions answered) at [www.choose.deakin.edu.au/livechat](http://www.choose.deakin.edu.au/livechat)
  - **Tour**: 11am-1pm, Tuesday 16 December, Warraambool Campus & 11am-2pm, Wednesday 17 December, Geelong Waurn Ponds campus
  - **Hotline**: 1300 334 733 (DEGREE).
- **Federation University** – Hotline: 1800 333 864
  - Hotline: 1300 693 888.
- **Kangan** - Call 13 8233
- **La Trobe University – COP Advisory Days**: 16 December (Melbourne and Bendigo)
  - **COP Hotline**: 1300 135 045
- **Monash University – Change of Preference Expo** – 3-7pm, Wednesday 17 December, Building H, Caulfield Campus
  - **COP Hotline**: 1800 666 274 (MONASH)
  - See [www.destination.monash](http://www.destination.monash)
- **NMIT** - Hotline: 9269 1200
- **RMIT – COP Expo** Building 80, 445 Swanston Street, 11am-3pm, Wednesday 17 December
  - **Hotline**: 9925 2260, or visit **Info Corner**, 330 Swanston Street (cnr La Trobe Street)
- **Swinburne** – **Hotline** 1300 275 794
- **University of Melbourne - University of Melbourne: Course Information Day**, 10am-2.30pm, Wednesday 17 December
  - See [www.cop.unimelb.edu.au/2014](http://www.cop.unimelb.edu.au/2014) or **Hotline**: 13 MELB (13 6352) or [13MELB@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:13MELB@unimelb.edu.au), or visit the **Information Centre**, Gate 3, Swanston St, Melbourne
- **Victoria University – COP Expo** – 4-7pm, Wednesday 17 December (Footscray)
  - **Hotline**: 1300 842 864
- **William Angliss – Experience Angliss Day**: 10am-4pm, 18 December
  - **Hotline**: 1300 ANGLISS.

FIRST IN AUSTRALIA – LA TROBE FEE GUARANTEE...
La Trobe’s new ‘Aspire’ program has been well-received, recognising the impact volunteers have on their local communities. To recognise this, and to further reward these contributions, La Trobe has announced it will offer a **Fee Guarantee for the undergraduate students who study under the ‘Aspire’ program.**

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BECOME A POLICE OFFICER?
A video series is giving the community a chance to find out more of what it takes to become a police officer. Check out a police constable’s experiences during the 33 weeks of training at the Victoria Police Academy.
See the video series at: www.youtube.com/VPBlueTube.

DEFENCE FORCE CHAT...

Army, Navy and Air Force are hosting an Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Facebook chat at 6.30pm, Thursday 23 October. The link to the chat page is: http://www.facebook.com/events/1485699831716414/.

ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS ABOUT STUDYING VCE...

A range of valuable videos are now available on the Monash YouTube channel, offering tips and advice from students and parents who have survived VCE. Find out what they have to say.

INTERESTED IN LOGISTICS?

Ever wondered how your clothes make it to the store or how the food you eat gets from the farm to your fork? Logistics involves the integration of information, transport and handling of these materials to meet customers’ needs. There is a vast array of career opportunities in logistics, from entry level to senior management. The Victorian Transport Association is again offering traineeships in logistics in 2015. This is a two-year program which has young people employed full time with Transport and Logistics companies while they study a Cert IV in Logistics and a Diploma of Logistics.

For more information: call Leni on 9646 8590, visit www.vta.com.au or email cadetship@vta.com.au.

RMIT DIPLOMA OF BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (Building)...

VTAC states that Year 12 applicants need to phone RMIT to book a test for this course. This is incorrect – Year 12’s will be selected solely on their ATAR.

SCIENCE EXPERIENCE AT RMIT (FOR YEAR 10’S IN 2015)...

This is three fun-filled days of hands-on activities for students entering Year 10 next year. It allows the next generation of curious scientists to go behind the scenes and sample the world of science and technology, perform experiments, participate in field trips, attend university lectures, and experience three days of student life on campus.

When: Tuesday 20–Thursday 22 Jan, 2015 (the program is run at a number of Australian universities including RMIT)

Cost: $115


NUCLEAR MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIPS...

Applications are now open for RMIT Nuclear Medicine Scholarships worth up to $10,000 over three years. They provides assistance towards study and living costs for students commencing the Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiations) Nuclear Medicine stream, with five scholarships awarded.


INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS...

Can book 30-minute appointments to talk with University of Melbourne staff about study options, VTAC, and support services. They run 2-5pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Register: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events.

PRE-APPRENTICESHIPS – A POSITIVE MOVE...

A pre-apprenticeship is a positive move towards securing an apprenticeship. Many employers require potential employees to have completed a pre-apprenticeship prior to applying for an apprenticeship. On completion of a pre-apprenticeship, a student receives a nationally recognised qualification – this attracts the attention of employers and can potentially reduce the time of an apprenticeship.

DID YOU KNOW?

Many TAFE’s have articulation arrangements with universities. Eg after completing the Box Hill Institute’s Advanced Diploma of Engineering Technology, students will receive 18 months credit and can enrol into the fourth semester of the Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering at Deakin University. Similar arrangements apply to many other TAFE diplomas.

YEAR 12: EXITING, RESULTS and DECEMBER CHANGE OF PREFERENCE.

1. EXITING:
   All students have been issued with a Blue Exit Form.
   Exit Forms must be returned to Mrs Karlovic by Friday 24 October, 3pm

2. VCE Results and ATARS available on the internet from 7am MONDAY, 15 DECEMBER, 2014
3. VCE results and ATARS received in the mail by **TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER 2014**.

4. Mrs. Karlovic, the Pathways & Transitions Leader, will be available to students from Monday 15 December, in the Careers Office from 9am to 4pm for assistance/counselling during results and Change of Preference Time. Each student is entitled to an appointment to assist with decision making regarding pathways, VTAC preference changes, etc. Appointments can be made prior to Monday 15th December as well as on the Monday morning via a telephone call to the College. Students can also make their way to the Careers Office to arrange an appointment or make a booking whilst attending the Year 12 Pathways Morning Tea (see below). Parents are also welcome to attend/make bookings. Every student is encouraged to take the time to have a meeting with Mrs Karlovic, in the Careers Office, during this crucial time.

5. **RESULTS/CHANGE of PREFERENCE/PATHWAYS MORNING TEA**
   - **DATE:** Monday 15th December
   - **TIME:** 11am – 12.30pm
   - **LOCATION:** To Be Advised

   All Year 12 Students are invited to a morning tea to wind down after the rigours of Year 12 and to discuss their Results/Change of Preferences/Pathway Options.
   Biscuits, donuts, coffee & tea will be available.
   Students will also be able to book appointments with Mrs Karlovic during this time to discuss results, preference changes and pathway options.

6. Refer to the VTAC Guide 2015, pages 58-60, for further information regarding accessing of results.
   Details regarding SMS notification of Results is also explained on page 60 of the VTAC Guide.
   Students must go to [www.vtac.edu.au/sms](http://www.vtac.edu.au/sms) for information on registering for the SMS service.

7. VU Portfolio, ACU Early Achiever’s Program & RMIT SNAP Program Students will be notified early December. Please see me so we can then discuss your preferences, depending on the outcome.

Please use the services provided by the College.
Good Luck!

Mrs Kathy Karlovic
Pathways & Transitions Leader
Tel: 9741 4911 ext 924

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**Term 4**

**School newsletter 1**

*Welcome back for Term 4*

The popular online, on-demand help service ‘yourtutor’ is available again this term, both for senior students heading into the VCE and junior students wanting to complete their homework and study faster, and with more thorough understanding.

Students can log in online when they get stuck during study, and ask an expert local tutor their question in maths, English, physics, chemistry, business studies and more. The online tutors will never give out an answer, but will help students figure out the problem and work towards the solution. No more homework meltdowns, no more waiting for appointments. Next time they’re stuck, simply tell your child to connect to yourtutor, and get ‘un-stuck’.

This invaluable resources is provided to our students thanks to Victoria University's AVID program, to encourage critical thinking, to develop study skills and to build confidence and pathways to tertiary study.

yourtutor is available Sunday - Friday, 3pm-10pm.
*Students already have their yourtutor access cards. Sign in via [www.vu.edu.au/yourtutor](http://www.vu.edu.au/yourtutor)*
COMMUNICATION/GRIEVANCE PROCESS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

1. Make an appointment with the Tutor Teacher

2. If the issue is unresolved, make an appointment with the appropriate Year Level Leader

3. If the issue is still unresolved, you may need to meet with the Assistant Principal for either Middle or Senior years

4. If you are still dissatisfied, phone or write to the Principal

5. Make an appointment with the Principal via the Principal's Executive Assistant

6. If the matter is not resolved after Steps 1 - 5, then the issue can be raised with the Regional Office on 9291-6500
Dear Parents/Guardian

As part of our commitment to the study of Languages and Asian perspectives in the curriculum, the College is pleased to offer a study tour of Japan. The tour provides an excellent opportunity for our students to build global citizenship through an in-country cultural experience.

Our college has an emerging sister-school relationship with Tokyo University Secondary School Attached to Faculty of Education. As part of the tour, the school will host a 4-day homestay which provides students with an invaluable cultural experience.

COST: The current quote based on 10 students is $2,800. This price is subject to fluctuations depending on the exchange rate. We advise to budget for $3,000.

What tour costs includes:
- Return economy class international airfares: Melbourne/Tokyo - Osaka/Melbourne
- Current airline taxes: Approximately $161.00 per person with Qantas Airways
- International travel insurance (13-day policy)
- 7-day Japan Rail pass
- Accommodation is based 3-star hotels/ryokan with students in twin/triple-share rooms for and 2 adults in a twin room.
- 4 nights own arrangements in Tokyo at sister school
- Entrance to Tokyo Disneyland
- 2 nights in Hiroshima — includes breakfast daily
- 2 nights in Kyoto — includes breakfast daily
- City sightseeing tour with local guide includes entrance fees to Nijo Castle, Engakuji Temple
- (by public transport with English-speaking guide)

The trip is open to all students from years 7 to 12.

Please find attached relevant information and the expression of interest form. A parent/guardian information night will be held in term 3. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Angela Villeva on 9741 4911 or email villeva.angela.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Yours sincerely

Julie Myers
Principal

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